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# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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## Parks & Recreation Department

Bruce Till  
Superintendent

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### NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Woods called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Board: Jon Boni (7:34PM), Eileen Francolino, Bernie Feeney, Ken Leggo, Ed Marchion, Jim Marocchini, Mary Udice, and Don Woods

Board Members Absent: Bill DeBlasio, Bob Tofeldt and Kathy Zolad

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

Town Liaison: None present

#### III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2011

**MOTION: Mary Udice made a motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2011. Ken Leggo seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2011 was unanimously approved with a 7-0 vote.**

#### IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

#### V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

##### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The monthly report was e-mailed to the board members as well as manually distributed in a packet form. Bruce Till reported that the Parks & Recreation office was very busy with registrations for the summer programs. Pools have been well attended. He is very pleased with the aquatics staff as well as the camp staff thus far. Ken Leggo attended the pool party last Monday night and cited that the staff was friendly and professional. Two people have retired from Parks & Recreation. After reviewing over 100 applications and conducting many interviews, one individual has been hired. Another will be hired pending the verification of the required CDL license. The candidates for the positions have been top notch.

Bruce Till commended members of the Board as well as his own staff who volunteered many hours at the Extravaganza last week. It was successful and the carnival was well received. Our profit from the Carnival was \$16,672.75 which is 27% of the gross. Bruce Till is waiting to hear from the food vendors but was pleased with the presence of Ruth's Chris Steak House among our food vendors. Eileen Francolino suggested changing the opening time of the Beer Garden in the future. Mary Udice and Don Woods heard feedback regarding the Friday night bands. Bruce Till will look into more publicity and sponsorships or perhaps putting the Extravaganza information on a social network like Face book.

##### CAMERA INFORMATION

Also included in the monthly report packets were copies of correspondence regarding security cameras to be installed in the Turf Field. Bruce Till is working with Chief Richard Mulhall on this matter. This is

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recommended to deter vandalism in that area. Ken Leggo asked if the camera coverage will extend to the nearby fields. Bruce Till is looking into this and will be getting input from representatives of Little League and Midget Football.

JEFFREY HEDBERG/DAVID JOHNSON/LARRY ROCHELEAU

A copy of Jeff Hedberg's letter of resignation was also included in the packet. He is relocating to Florida. Also included was a copy of a thank you letter from David Johnson who was a Chairperson of 2011 Cruising. The event was very successful with over 200 cars and 2,000 people in attendance. A copy of an email also was included from Larry Rocheleau who is a resident who attended Churchill Pool and witnessed a medical emergency. He commended the lifeguard on duty and the staff on their professionalism. A copy of Eagle Scout Brian Dunn's letter of thanks to all who helped him with the improvements made to an area at Churchill Park was also included in the packet.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **TURF FIELD**

Bruce Till reported that the grating is completed as well as the foundations for the lighting in the stairway. Paving around the field has begun. They are scheduled to lay turf next week.

#### **MILL POND/BRIDGE UPDATE**

There was a problem with the bridge by the falls. Boards had rusted out that one could step through. The tubing had to be replaced. Luckily, no one was injured. Bruce Till negotiated a price of \$9,732.40 for the repairs on that bridge. Money was taken out of the Mill Pond Grant. The structural engineer quote was included in the packet. Bruce Till was pleased that the work was completed before the Extravaganza. The stairway by the falls and replacing the bridge by the tennis courts should be completed in the next few weeks. The poured and place on the playscape will be done. Some components of the playscape were damaged and will be replaced. Mary Udice asked if this will be done before the 10 year anniversary in November and Bruce Till said it would definitely be completed before then.

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION: Mary Udice nominated Don Woods as Chair of the Board of Parks and Recreation. Ed Marchion seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve Don Woods as Chair was approved with a 8-0 vote.**

**MOTION: Don Woods nominated Kathy Zolad as Vice Chair .Eileen Francoloni seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to approve Kathy Zolad as Vice-Chair was approved with a 8-0 vote.**

**MOTION: Don Woods nominated Eileen Francolino as secretary. Ed Marchion seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion to nominate Eileen Francolino was approved with a 8-0 vote.**

Jim Marocchini was introduced as a new board member.

Eileen Francolino added that Bill DeBlasio did a great job with organizing and overseeing the repainting of the skate park.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: A motion was made by to adjourn, seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM with a 8-0 vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Loralyn Callahan